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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: 1688 West Garvey Residential Project
Vic. LA-10 PM 22.38
SCH # 2020070419
GTS # LA-2020-03515AL-DEIR

Dear Mr. Turner:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Project includes the proposed development of 16 single-family homes on a 6.22-acre Site (Project Site) previously improved for development in the late 1970's.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has been codified into CEQA law. It mandates that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed developments be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts. As a reminder, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after the July 1, 2020 statewide implementation date. You may reference The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) website for more information.

<http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>

Transit System

The Project Site is currently served by Metro Route 70 and City of Monterey Park Spirit Route 4 along West Garvey Avenue. Three bus stops are located in proximity to the Project Site: the St. Stevens Serbian Orthodox Cathedral bus stop, located approximately 75-feet north across West Garvey Avenue; and the West Garvey/Abajo bus stop, which abuts the northeast corner of the Project Site. There is an additional bus stop located directly to the east of the Project driveway on West Garvey Avenue at

St. Stevens Serbian Church on the northern side of West Garvey Avenue. Pedestrian access to the bus stops is limited due to the obstruction of existing sidewalk along the Project Site.

Bicycle System

Currently, on-street bicycle lanes are not proposed in the vicinity of the Project Site in the General Plan. The nearest bicycle route is a Class-III Bicycle Route, located approximately 300-feet southeast of the Project Site, along Monterey Pass Road. While not striped, there is sufficient room for a bicycle lane in front of the Project Site due to an oversized eastbound lane.

Pedestrian Facilities

A pedestrian sidewalk is currently provided along the Project Site frontage on both West Garvey Avenue and Abajo Drive. The existing sidewalk along the edge of the Project Site along West Garvey Avenue is unusable, as much of it is obstructed by the supplemental retaining wall and the soils behind it.

The average VMT per capita for the SGVCOG Region is 15.44. The screening threshold is 13.13 VMT per capita, which is 15% lower than the 15.44 VMT per capita baseline. The SGVCOG VMT Evaluation Tool screening results determined the VMT per capita for the Project is 12.21. As the project VMT per capita is below the 13.13 VMT per capita screening threshold, the Project would not result in a significant VMT impact.

For this project, transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways, will require a transportation permit from Caltrans. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods and idle time not to exceed 10 minutes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2020-03515AL-DEIR.

Sincerely,

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